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Serial No. 09/806,680

Group Art Unit: 1616

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For: NOVEL ULTRASOUND CONTRAST AGENTS

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FIRST RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.1.111

In an Office Action dated June 25, 2002, the Examiner has required a
restriction of the claims to one of two groups and an election of species.

Group I contains claims 1-13 drawn to a composition for ultrasound imaging
comprising micro bubbles and a gas within a shell made from a blend of bipolar compounds
and a method of ultrasound imaging by administering said composition.

Group II contains claims 14-20 directed to a method of measuring pressure or
fluid flow rate in a closed system employing the composition of the claims in Group I.

Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-13.

The Examiner has also required an election of species. With regard to Group
I, the Applicant elects the following specie:

R₁-X-Z

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Wherein:

R_1 is a straight-chained alkyl
 X is $-(CH_2)_m-$ wherein m is 1
 Z is CO_2-M^+ (a carboxylate salt)

R_2-X-Z

Wherein:

R_2 is a straight-chained alkyl
 X is $-(CH_2)_m-$ wherein m is greater than 2
 Z is CO_2-M^+ (a carboxylate salt)

R_3-X-Z'

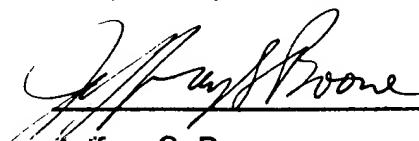
Wherein:

R_3 is a straight-chained alkyl
 X is $-(CH_2)_mCONH(CH_2)_n-$ wherein m is 1 and n is 2
 Z' is poly(ethyleneglycol)

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would further advance the prosecution of this case or has any questions or concerns with regard to this amendment, the undersigned attorney for Applicants would appreciate and welcome such a telephone conference at the Examiner's convenience. The attorney for Applicants may be contacted as provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Prev. Paid for	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	20	\$0	
Indep. Claims	3	3	\$0	
Multiple Dependent Claims-None				
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$0				

No additional fee is required for Amendment.

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